

Howland Wood - Curatorial

British Empire Exhibition

[London + NYC]

1923-1937

THE BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION (1924)

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INCORPORATED

Patron : HIS MAJESTY THE KING

President of the General Committee : HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G.

Telephone : VICTORIA 8860-1-2
Telegrams : IMPERIUM SOWEST LONDON

16 Grosvenor Gardens
LONDON, S.W.1

Please quote G.335. in your reply
which should be addressed to the
Assistant General Manager.

14th May, 1923.

Dear Sir,

A proposal has been made to us that we should request our Government to make, in connection with the British Empire Exhibition next year, a special coin issue on the lines of the issue of silver half Dollars made by the United States Government on the occasion of the World's Exposition at Chicago some years ago.

The American Consul General in London, to whom we applied for particulars of this issue, has informed us that the half Dollars issued, which were called Columbian half Dollars, were of the same weight and value as ordinary half Dollars, and that the entire issue was handed over as a free gift to the Authorities of the Exposition as part of the contribution of the United States Government to the enterprise, and that they were sold to the Public by the Exposition at double their face value.

The American Consul General, who is unable to supply any further information, suggests that we might obtain full particulars in regard to the issue by addressing ourselves to you. The points in regard to which we particularly desire information are:-

1. The total amount of the issue.
2. Was the entire issue, as the American Consul General states, handed over, free of charge, to the Exposition Authorities, or, did the latter pay for the issue at its face value?

S.P. Noe Esq.,
Secretary.

American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156th Street,
New York.
U.S.A.

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3. The total amount realised by the Exposition Authorities from the sale of the coins to the Public.
4. The price or prices at which the coins were sold to the Public.
5. Any further available particulars as to the terms upon which the issue was made by the United States Government.

We should be very much obliged for this and any other information which you may be able to give us in regard to the issue, as it may assist us materially in approaching our own Government on the matter.

Yours faithfully,

W A Alden

Major.

Assistant General Manager.

May 26th, 1923

The Assistant General Manager
The British Empire Exhibition
16 Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of May 14th addressed to Mr. S. P. Noe. We are very much interested in your communication concerning Souvenir coins, and we trust that you will be able to have one issued.

All of our souvenir or commemorative coins are of the same size, weight and fineness as the regular issues; all are made by the Government and are not given exactly free to the various authorities who have placed them on the market. With some of the earlier issues where the Government had made an appropriation toward the exhibition, a part of this appropriation was in the form of souvenir coinages. In later instances, the Special Committees had paid for the coinage as well as the designs - they getting their profit from the advance value at which the coins were sold.

I take pleasure in enclosing a booklet on these commemorative coins which we issued recently, and I think that all of your questions are answered therein. If you wish any further information, do not hesitate to write us again.

Very truly yours,

Acting Secretary & Curator

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6th June, 1923.

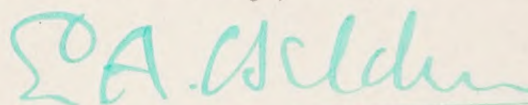
Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge with many thanks your letter of 26th May giving information on the subject of the various issues of Souvenir Coins made by the United States Government and enclosing a booklet, which is very interesting and gives us, I think, all the information which we require.

I notice that the prices at which the four coins issued to commemorate the Panama Pacific Exposition of 1915 were sold to the Public are not given in the Booklet, but I presume that, as in the case of most of the preceding Exhibitions, these prices were double the face value of the coins.

We desire to express to you our best thanks for the courtesy you have shewn in supplying us with information on the subject.

Yours faithfully,



Major,

Assistant General Manager.

Howland Wood Esq.,
Acting Secretary and Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway,
between 155th and 156th Streets,
NEW YORK.

June 16th, 1923

Major E. A. Belden
Assist. General Manager
The British Empire Exhibition
16 Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour
of June 6th.

I regret that through an oversight the price
at which the Panama Pacific Exposition pieces were
sold was omitted in my booklet. These were sold at
twice their face value; or, as a complete set, including
the two shape Fifty Dollar pieces, at \$200.

If there is any further information you may de-
sire, please feel free to call upon us at any time.

Very truly yours,

Acting Secretary & Curator

HW/E

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BRITISH EMPIRE BUILDING

ROCKEFELLER CENTER,

NEW YORK

DIRECTOR
D. M. ARMSTRONG

TELEPHONE CIRCLE 7-2395
CABLE ADDRESS: BRIEMCHA

October 23rd, 1935

Mr Harlow Wood
American Numismatic Society
156th Street and Broadway
New York City

My dear Mr Wood:

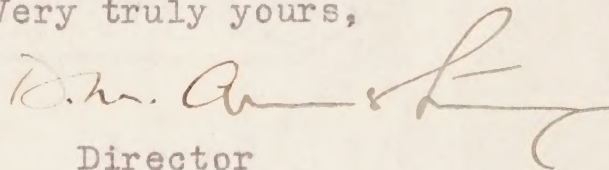
It is most kind of you to permit us to retain one of the showcases belonging to the American Numismatic Society until November 18th, for the purpose of showing some valuable miniatures.

We were very glad indeed to have the Society's collection on view here recently and it created considerable interest.

Under separate cover we are mailing you the keys of the cases that have already been removed, retaining that for the case which you are lending us.

We very much appreciate your kind co-operation.

Very truly yours,



Director

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D. M. ARMSTRONG
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CABLE ADDRESS
"BRIEMCHA"

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April 15th, 1937

Mr. Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
156th Street and Broadway
New York City

Dear Mr. Wood:

Do you think it would be possible for the American Numismatic Society to lend me four of their deeper glass showcases if assured of payment of transportation and responsibility for any loss or damage?

The cases are required for a display of rare books and manuscripts in connection with the Shakespeare-Bacon controversy.

I need scarcely say that I shall very much appreciate this loan.

Yours faithfully,

D. M. Armstrong
Director

*P.S. For one week, please, from Apr 26th -
D.M.A.*

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April 17, 1937

Miss D. M. Armstrong,
British Empire Exhibition,
British Empire Bldg.,
Rockefeller Center,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Armstrong:

Your letter of April 15th is at hand. We are glad to comply with your request and the four cases may be picked up at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

D. M. ARMSTRONG
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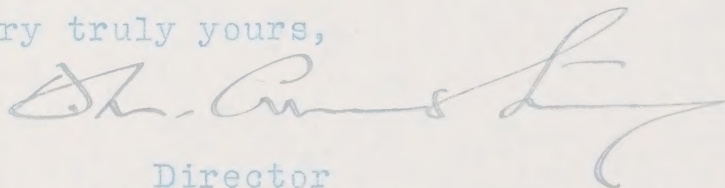
April 20th, 1937

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway and 156th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thank you for your kind note of April 17th in which you express your willingness to lend us four cases. I am making the necessary arrangements to have these delivered to us here.

Very truly yours,



Director

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PRESIDENT

SYDNEY P. NOE
SECRETARY

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HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM
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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH
AND 156TH STREETS
NEW YORK

May 17, 1937

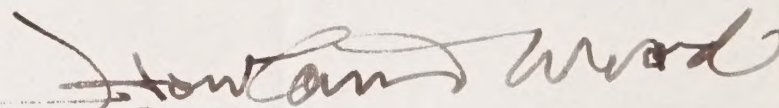
Miss D. M. Armstrong,
British Empire Exhibition,
British Empire Bldg.,
Rockefeller Center, NYC

Dear Miss Armstrong:

There were two panes of glass broken in the exhibition cases, one in one of the doors in back and the other in the end of the case. We have had a glazier put these in. One had to be plate glass and the other a double thickness glass. I am enclosing a bill for \$5.00 which we have paid. Therefore if you would have the check made out to us we would appreciate it.

As for the rubbing and bruises, one of our men thinks he can fix these up in odd moments so we will let this go. The cases that got bruised were on the tailboard without any cloths around them and as they had only two men on the team, they got scratched, either being put on or taking them off.

Very truly yours,


Curator

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May 19th, 1937

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets
New York City

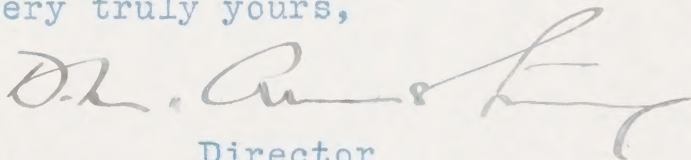
Dear Mr. Wood:

Thank you for your letter of May 17th in which you advise me of certain damages which occurred during transit to the show cases you were kind enough to lend recently for the display of the books and manuscripts of Mr. Manly P. Hall.

As these show cases were borrowed for the convenience of Mr. Hall, it was understood and agreed between him and the British Empire Exhibition that costs for any damages to the cases during the period of the loan should be borne by him. I have, therefore, forwarded your bill for \$5.00 to Mr. Hall with the request that it receive his early attention.

I understand that Mr. Hall is at present lecturing in Boston and is expected back in New York some time next week when I am sure this matter will be satisfactorily concluded.

Very truly yours,



Director